

## Check your Heart at the Door

Jeremiah 17:9-10; Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 51:10

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### Heart in Hebrew- (leb) meaning

Inner man, mind, will,

Inner Mind- The “inner man” is another way of describing the spiritual aspect of a person.

We are not bodies with a soul but rather Souls with a body. Our souls are the personality centers of our beings from which our mind, will, and emotions operate. The soul of a person is the courtroom where life decisions are made.

Mind- Thoughts or way of thinking

Will-Freedom of, desire, wish or intention

At times our emotions are an over flow from the heart. Emotions are the language of the soul; they are the cries that give the heart a voice. Your emotions gage where you are at, not a guide of where you should go. -

- A. **Jeremiah 17:9-10** - The heart is more deceitful than all else  
And is desperately sick;  
Who can understand it?  
<sup>10</sup> “I, the LORD, search the heart,  
I test the <sup>le</sup>mind,  
Even to give to each man according to his ways,  
According to the <sup>le</sup>results of his deeds..
- B. **The Heart is deceitful: The Word deceitful** is אָבֹב עִקְוָה means crooked or polluted. The heart is so deceitful that it develops unpleasant or dangerous paths in a person’s life gradually without being noticed. The heart can be a secret silent weapon that pollutes the thoughts, Will, Emotions of a person.
- C. **The Heart is desperately Sick:** The Word means incurable, sick, woeful. The Heart corrupted by sin is incurable and beyond repair. The heart is not only beyond repair but it leads to a life full of woes. This is the same word used in 2 Samuel 12:15 to describe the condition of the baby David bore with Uriah’s wife Bathsheba when he sinned against her. Not only was the condition of the baby uncurable leading to death, but it led to David to sorrow, praying to God, fasting in a state of sorrow until the baby eventually died. David was so full of sorrow the servants were even concerned he would harm himself- 2 Samuel 12:15-18.

- D. **Who can understand it-** The heart is so deceitful and wicked that man or women have no chance to understand what is going on with it.
- E. **The Lord searches and test the heart-** Even though man does not know the heart, God does. He searches and test the heart to see and know the quality of it.
1. The Word "Test" means "to examine". It has the connotation of "hidden depts".
  2. Yahweh assays or 'tests' ...the two terms 'heart' and 'kidneys' cover the range of hidden elements in man's character and personality. Nothing is hidden from Yahweh.
- F. **According to his ways and deeds-** God perfectly knows the heart and mind of man, His judgment is true. God knows to what extent the heart either justifies or condemns the doings of a man or woman. - **Enduring Word Commentary (Jeremiah 17:10)**.
- G. **Proverbs 4:23** -Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
- H. **Psalms 51:10** -Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- I. **Ezekiel 36:26** -And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.